

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

### 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

The Honorable Larry Hogan Governor of Maryland State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401 JUN 2 2 2018

Dear Governor Hogan:

Thank you for your June 4, 2018 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt regarding efforts to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. I share your enthusiasm for the positive signs of progress we are seeing in the Bay and I am personally grateful for Maryland's commitment to stay on track to meet its Phase II and Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) targets.

Federal, state, and local elected officials are all valuable partners in these restoration efforts and it is with these efforts and leadership that we will meet our 2025 goals. As we move forward with the development of the Phase III WIPs, we will continue to emphasize to our partners the need to stand by their commitments and to accelerate the implementation of best management practices in targeted priority areas where they will be the most effective.

This week, EPA released its expectations for the develop and implementation of the Bay jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs. We also released separate expectations for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to help ensure Pennsylvania is on track for meeting its water quality goals under the Bay Total Maximum Daily Load by 2025. In addition, EPA will soon release additional expectations for federal agencies to support the jurisdictions in their implementation of the Phase III WIPs. In my recent meetings with all the jurisdictional partners, I have been greatly encouraged by their collective commitments to work collaboratively on our common mission.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and leadership in Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. I look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the coming months and years as we work toward a clean and healthy Bay watershed for the citizens of this region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Kyle Zieba, EPA's Maryland Liaison, at 215-814-5420.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator



### STATE OF MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 4, 2018

The Honorable E. Scott Pruitt Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

We have experienced great progress in cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, including one of the largest resurgences of underwater grasses ever recorded and one of the highest grades ever received on the Bay's report card. These positive signs of progress at the halfway mark of our multi-state collaboration to restore the Bay show that our efforts to date are making a positive difference for the health of the Bay and its tributaries.

This also means that it is now more important than ever to ensure that every partner jurisdiction does its fair share and lives up to its commitments. Maryland is on track to meet our Phase II WIP targets and has committed to working toward the new Phase III WIP targets while also urging our partners to redouble their efforts to ensure progress is made.

As we move forward, we will insist that every partner commits to specific actions to achieve their goals. Imagine how much further along we would be in our Chesapeake Bay progress if all states were as close to their Phase II goals as Maryland. Fair and consistent accountability among the jurisdictions and strong oversight from our federal partners and neighbors is absolutely critical. The time is now for bold, collaborative, and innovative action based on partnership and science.

We are also requesting additional resources and assistance to meet our goals. Since becoming Governor three and a half years ago, I have invested over \$4 billion in comprehensive Chesapeake Bay restoration to advance clean water, clean air, and land preservation. Our agriculture sector has consistently stepped up to the plate and has made significant progress including record years using cover crops and implementing new phosphorus management tool regulations. Maryland has been meeting our municipal stormwater runoff challenge with a new round of effective stormwater discharge permits for the state's largest jurisdictions already underway. We have also seen the benefits of upgrading our largest sewage treatment plants and



will be even closer to our goals when the Back River plant and the Patapsco plant are operational next year.

Maryland will continue to invest in these efforts, and we will continue to strongly oppose federal funding cuts. It is also our expectation that since we are taking on a greater load and more responsibility than any other states, Maryland should receive more funding and more resources.

There is no doubt that our continued success will depend on full investment by the Partnership in the Phase III Plans, implementation of the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan, innovative tools and financing strategies, and strong enforcement.

As our partners in this effort, I thank you for your work to date to assist us with these requests and we look forward to continuing to work with you to bring this to a resolution. I believe it is critically important that we resolve these issues before the August 7, 2018 Executive Council meeting so we can begin focusing on the future of our common goal to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely

Larry Hogan

Governor

cc: The Honorable Andrew Cuomo

The Honorable John Carney

The Honorable Tom Wolf

The Honorable Jim Justice

The Honorable Ralph Northam

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Eddie B. Calvo Governor of Guam P.O. Box 2950 Hagåtña, GU 96910

Dear Governor Calvo:

Hafa Adai!

It was a pleasure to meet you through video teleconference on May 24<sup>th</sup>. I am writing to follow up on our meeting, and to respond to your May 22<sup>nd</sup> letter to Administrator Scott Pruitt.

In your letter to Administrator Pruitt and in our meeting, you asked for our support on a U.S. EPA-Guam EPA administrative issue. Specifically, you requested our support in helping Guam EPA to fill the position of Water Division Director and Chief Engineer by placing a U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) engineer at Guam EPA on a reimbursable detail. As you stressed in your letter, this is an important position, as it will have primary responsibility for overseeing safe drinking water in Guam.

I am happy to inform you that, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, we signed and transmitted to Guam EPA Administrator Walter Leon Guerrero a letter approving his request to recruit and fill the position of Water Division Director and Chief Engineer at Guam EPA with a PHS engineer on a reimbursable detail. My Pacific Islands Office Manager John McCarroll will work with Administrator Guerrero to complete this process.

Thank you for taking the time to meet me while you were in our regional office. I look forward to meeting and working with you again in the future.

If we can be of further assistance, please refer staff to my Congressional Liaison, Dean Higuchi, at (808) 541-2711, or John McCarroll at (415) 972-3774.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Stoker

Regional Administrator